

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM**

Mayor's Order 2008-68  
April 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to the D.C. Office of Taxicabs and the Chairman of the D.C. Taxicab Commission and Guidelines for Enforcement of Taximeter Regulations

**ORIGINATING AGENCY:** Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by sections 422 (6), and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22, (6), and (11) (2006 Repl.), and pursuant to section 105(a) of the 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act, approved October 16, 2006, 120 Stat. 2023, D.C. Official Code § 50-381(a) (2007 Supp.), it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. The Chairman of the D.C. Taxicab Commission and the Office of Taxicabs are delegated the Mayor's authority to enforce the regulations implementing the time and distance metered taxicab system for the District of Columbia.
2. For the period from May 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008, taxicab operators operating a taxicab without a time and distance meter and charging fares consistent with Zone Charges listed in Appendix 8-2 in effect as of April 30, 2008 shall be given a warning that after May 31, 2008 operating without a meter will incur a \$1, 000 fine and suspension or revocation of hacker's license under 31 DCMR § 825.1.
3. The enforcement provisions contained in the taximeter regulations in 31 DCMR shall be strictly imposed starting on June 1, 2008.
4. Nothing in this Order abrogates the current authority of officers of the Metropolitan Police Department, pursuant to section 13 of the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Establishment Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986, D.C. Law 6-97, D.C. Official Code § 50-312 (2007 Supp.), to enforce and issue citations relating to time and distance taximeters consistent with this Order.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Order shall become effective on May 1, 2008.

  
ADRIAN M. FENTY  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
STEPHANIE D. SCOTT  
SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Legal Counsel Division

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Scott Kubly  
Program Manager - Government Services/Economic Development  
Office of the City Administrator

**FROM:** Wayne C. Witkowski *WCV*  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division

**DATE:** April 24, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Legal Sufficiency of Draft Mayor's Order, "Delegation of Authority to the D.C. Office of Taxicabs and the Chairman of the D.C. Taxicab Commission and Guidelines for Enforcement of Taximeter Regulations" (AE-08-153D)

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This responds to your request for a legal sufficiency review of the above-referenced order ("Order"). The Order delegates enforcement authority to the D.C. Office of Taxicabs and the Chairman of the D.C. Taxicab Commission ("Chairman") for the taximeter regulations promulgated by the Chairman at 31 DCMR Chapters 6 and 8; and provides guidelines on enforcement of the requirement of operating taxicabs with taximeters as of May 1, 2008. The Order would allow a warning to those operating without a taximeter for the period of May 1 through May 31, 2008.

This Office has reviewed the attached Order and finds it to be legally sufficient.

Please be advised that Clifton Posey, Administrative Issuance Assistant, Office of Documents and Administrative Issuances, has reviewed the Order for technical compliance. Mr. Posey's comments have been forwarded to you.